## **NEWS FROM THE CITY OF GREENVILLE**

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## Statement on Terrorist Attack Mayor Knox H. White City of Greenville

Like all freedom-loving citizens of the United States, I watched with horror the news reports this morning of the terrorist attacks against our nation and our government. My thoughts and prayers are with those people who lost their lives or were injured in these attacks, and also with their loved ones and colleagues who have suffered loss.

As a visible symbol of our sympathy for and solidarity with the fallen and injured, we have lowered the flag at City Hall to half-staff.

We have no reason to believe the terrorist attacks which were directed at New York City and Washington, D.C. will be repeated in Greenville. However, our fine law enforcement officials have instituted prudent steps to increase security in and around government buildings and also to heighten our general state of readiness in the community. Police Chief Willie Johnson is in communications with Sheriff Sam Simmons and with Federal law enforcement officials. We will respond as needed.

I feel confident that our national leaders will take appropriate steps to find and punish those who are responsible for this unprecedented act of war against our nation. In a time of crisis, Americans have always banded together to respond effectively to whatever challenge confronts us. Let us do so now. Our nation is strong. Attacks like those of today, as terrible as they are, will not prevail against our great nation.

Our nation, with God's help, will endure and overcome this terrible calamity.